

House Resolution No. 2174

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Columbia 93 School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Barbara Fairman, who has devoted nearly 30 years to the education of two generations of the district's young citizens; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Barbara Fairman began her teaching career at an inner-city school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, where she returned to earn a Master's degree before attending courses on Individually Guided Education (IGE) at the University of Missouri-Columbia, after which she joined the first IGE staff at Ridgeway Elementary School and later taught third and fourth grade classes there; and

Whereas, Barbara Fairman taught sixth grade classes for six years and first grade for three at Blue Ridge Elementary School, and kindergarten classes for fourteen years at Grant, Blue Ridge, and Mill Creek Elementary Schools; and

Whereas, Barbara Fairman received The Missouri Consumer Network Teacher of the Year Award in recognition of her exceptional gift for teaching children with special needs and her willingness to use this gift in building all children's strengths to maximize their potential to achieve success; and

Whereas, Barbara Fairman shouldered additional responsibilities by working with student councils and chairing the multicultural committee at Mill Creek Elementary School, and expanded the classroom walls by visiting students at home, working with parents and always going the extra mile to do what's best for children; and

Whereas, Barbara Fairman is much loved by former students, colleagues, and members of her wonderful family, whose members include her husband, Bill Fairman, and children, Jessica, Jonathan, Josh, and daughter-in-law Laura:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Columbia 93 School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Barbara Fairman has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves with ample opportunity to lower her golf handicap, travel, read, and spend more time with her friends and family; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barbara Fairman, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Vicky Riback Wilson
District No. 25

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2174, adopted April 24, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker